FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

An Easier Tendency in the Money Market.

THE CLOSING RATE 7 PER CENT.

Foreign Exchange Higher and a Sudden Advance in Gold.

PROSPECT OF SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

The Snow Blockade as an Embargo on Our Export Trade.

A Further Advance in the London Quotations.

ERIES EXCEPTIONALLY LOWER Government Bonds Buoyant, with

the '67's at 115.

New York Central Up, Pacific Mail Down and the Others Irregular.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8-6 P. M. On 'Change to-day cotton was in fair deman with prices elightly favoring buyers. Flour was quiet but firm, while wheat and corn were dull THE GOVERNMENT PUBCHASE OF BONDS

There were but three proposals to sell five-twenties to the government, the amount offered at the Treasury being only \$71,500, at prices ranging from 111.74 to 112,50. The price of gold was taken to be 111% (when in reality it was fully 112), so that the purchases were restricted to \$20,850

THE NEW LOAN. The Washington reports state that the Banking and Currency Committee gave an audience to Messrs. Patterson, of Philadelphia, and W. B. Duncan, of New York, on the subject of the Syndicate and the refunding of the national debt. The necessity of the agency of the Syndicate was denied, and the suggestion effered that the refunding of the debt should be deferred until the condition of the money market lavored an exchange of the

The cable quotations report a further advance in consols and United States bonds in the London arket, the former rising to 92% for the account with cash transactions only 1-16 a % lower. The '67's advanced to 93%, the highest they have ever been. Money was easier, with three months bills quoted 4% per cent discount. Erie shares declined one per cent to 50% (equivalent to 62% in our curency), on a fresh rumor that the restitution of Jay Gould had fallen through. The decline is more likely the result, however, of the announcement of the large decrease in earnings the last week of December, pending the snow blockade. French

rentes were firmer at 53.87.

The money market was easier, with a steadier movement in the rates on call. On government oonds the rate was uniformly 7 per cent currency, while the average on stock collaterals was 7 per with exceptional transactions as 1-32 and interest. Toward three o'clock the demand relaxed and the rate fell off to plain 7 per cent in the closing dealings on the sidewalk. The spasm noted as an incident of Tuesday afternoon, when a few loans were made at as high as 1-16, is now known to have been caused by the calling in of the last of the special

DEPOSITS OF THE GOVERNMENT nerce, the amount being about \$1,350,000, which has been paid into the Sub-Treasury on the requisithe Secretary of the Treasury, and closes up the power of the government to contract our local currency supply, except as shall happen through saies of government gold. At this on of the year, when there is no necessity for sending currency out of the city, the exchange o the discounting powers of the banks, as the gold will count as reserve equally well with greenbacks. enable the banks to strengthen their reserves in the unmediate future, when, with the usual

FLOW OF NATIONAL BANK NOTES to this city, they will be able to convert these notes into gold. This exchange will relieve the banks of them heretofore by the glut of national bank cur rency in the Spring and Summer seasons. This will be unable to buy bonds at the law ul limit and that the Treasury operations will be confined, as appears most likely, to the one-sided transaction of selling gold. Commercial paper shows signs of an early relaxation in rates, if not an increased descount, but the business so far has been POREIGN EXCHANGE HIGHER.

The drawers of sterling bills advanced their rates further one-eighth per cent, but the market was dull at the advance, although a brokerage of & a 3-16 was allowed for round amounts. The new standard of rates is just at the specie shipping point, and would be above it were not the insurance rates a part of the calculation. The following were the quotations at the close of business:—Sterling, sixty days, commercial, 108% a 109%; do., good to prime bankers', 109% a 109%; do., short sight, 110% a 110%; Paris, sixty days, 5.28% a 5.22%; do., short sight, 5.18% a 5.17%; Prussian thalers, 71% a 72%; Antwerp. 5.25 a 5.20; Switzerland, 5.23% a 5,18%; Hamburg, 95% a 03%; Amsterdam, 40% a 40%; Frankfort, 41 a 41%; Bremen, 95% a 96%.

in the railroad bonds Union Pacific firsts were only steady, while the incomes and land grants were lower. Central Pacific firsts were strong and higher and the general list firm, with a more active

market. The following were the bids at the call as amended by the prices at the last board:

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THE CITY BANK STOCKS. The following were the bids for the city bank shares:—Merchants', 114; Mechanics', 132; Amer-ica, 146; City, 250; Phenix, 100; Commerce, 112½; Ocean, 10; American Exchange, 110½; Bank of the Republic, 112; Bank of North America, 90; Hanover, 94; Metropolitan, 132; Grocers', 100; East River, 100; Nassau, 100; Continental, 55; St. Nich-

olas, 114; Importers and Traders', 165; Manufactu-rers and Morchants', 96; New York National Ex-change, 97; Fourth National, 109½; Geld Exchange, 108; Bankers and Brokers' Association, 80; Ger-

man-American, 102%. GOLD HIGHER—111% A 112%. The gold market was strong, as a consequence of ne additional firmness of the foreign exchanges and the prospective resumption of specie ship-ments. The exports of domestic merchandise the past week were only three and a quarter millions, owing to the snow blockade, which prevented the receipt of merchandise from the interior. The aiready scant supply of commercial bills was still further reduced, and as the demand could not be met with the export of government bonds, which rise in this market as fast as in Europe, owing to the velocity of the news through the cable, the foreign bankers put up their rates to figures which threaten an export of gold coin, five or six hun-dred thousand dollars of which was reported engaged this afternoon to go out to-morrow if circumstances shall continue to warrant that distion of it. The steamer that went out to-day position of it. The steamer that went out to-may took \$277,345, partly gold and partly silver bars. Under the operation of these several influences the price of gold advanced from 111% to 112% amid active and somewhat excited dealings, the haste to cover contracts on the "short" side help-

The last sales were at 112%, the market leaving off with that price atrongly bid. The Sub-Treasury paid out \$745,000 on account of interest and \$12,000 on account of redeemed five-twenties. The course of the market is shown in the table :-

7 per cent, gold, for carrying to flat for borrowing. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were

BAILWAY BARNINGS. The total earnings of the Marietta and Cincin

nati Railroad for the year 1872 were \$2,029,927, against \$1,690,714 in 1871-an increase of \$339,213. The following is the latest circular report of the

Net earnings \$423,148 \$553,384 Increase gross earnings for November \$207,585 Increase net earnings for November 130,238 Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30,

SOUTHERN SECURITIES DULL. The Southern State bonds were dull, the transacions at the Board being confined to Tennessees and new South Carolinas, which were strong and % a % higer. The following were the closing quonew, 8014 a 81; Virginia, ex coupon, 45 a 50; do., sixes, consolidated bonds, 54 a 54%; do. sixes, deferred scrip, 15 a 16; Georgia sixes, 77 a 80; do. sevens, 87 a 90; North Carolina, ex coupon, 33½ a 34; do. to North Carolina Railroad, 57 a 60; do., funding, 1866, 25 a 28; do. do., 1868, 24 a 271/2; do., new, 20 a 20½; do., special tax, 14 a 15; Missouri sixes, 93 a 93½; do., Hannibal and St. Joseph, 90 a 91; Louisiana sixes, 50 a 56; do., new, 50 a 55; do. levee sixes, 50 a 55; do. do. eights, 60 a 70; do. do. eights, 1875, 60 a 70; Alabama fives, 60 a 65; do. eights, 81 a 85; South Carolina sixes, 40 a 50; do., new, January and July, 22 a 22½; do. do., April and October, 24¼ a 24½.

GOVERNMENTS RAMPANT. The easier tenor of the money market, the rise caused a further and considerable advance in the against 114%, the highest of the day before. The new fives sold at 112%, or only % below their par m gold. The currency sixes were steady. The following were the closing prices:-United States currency sixes, 113 a 113%; do. do., 1881, a 11614; do. five-twenties, registered, May and November, 113 a 1133; do. do., 1862, coupon, do., 1131/2 a 1131/2; do. do., 1804, do. do., 1131/2 a 1131/2; do. do., 1865, do. do., 114½ a 115; do. do., 1867, registered. January and July, 114½ a 114½; do. do., 1865, coupon, do., 113% a 114; do. do., 1867, do. do., 114% a 115; do. do., 1868, do. do., 114% a 115; coupon, 110% a 111; do. fives of 1881, registered, 112% a 112%; do. do. do., coupon, 112% a 112%.

STOCKS DULL AND IRREGULAR.
The stock market inclined to a duller mood and speculation is again awaiting the developments ment to buy bonds, this time through the refusal of holders to sell, at least at what the government is willing to pay, is regarded as an unfavorable sign for the future in view of the prospect that the five-twenties are likely to rule higher than gold as main in their present composure. The amount offered to-day was only nominal and represents a gold went up from 111%. It is possible, however, that this influence is over estimated, as the govern-ment sales of gold are not likely

at this season to do the injury they would in the Pall or when currency is going out of the city. At present and for months to come the currency movement is and will be in our favor, so that the gold will flow into the banks and help their reserves, excepting such of it as shall go abroad this week. The specie export is a spasmodic matter due to the interruption of the movement of cotton, wheat, perroleum and other merchandise to the seaboard by the recent snow storms, so that the loss of reserve by this outlet need hardly be considered. The chief feature to-day was a further rise in New York Central to 102½ in pursuance of the causes already noted in this column—viz., rumors of a scrip dividend and of dividends in future at the rate of ten per cent per annum. Western Union Telegraph was unsettled, and after an early decline became strong, with a rally to 80½, while Lake Shore, Rock Island and C., C. and I. C. were quiet and firmer. Pacific 509

of the market and dropped to 70%, the lowest point reached since the beginning of the down-ward movement that followed the culmination of tne Stockwell speculation a few months since.
Ohlos and Union Pacific were weak and lower on
sales of long stock held by friends of Commodore Vanderbilt, whe are going into Central instead. Northwestern was off another % per cent and Erie yielded about % per cent. The fluctuations out-side of New York Central, Western Union, Ohios and Pacific Mail were not important, and the market, with the exceptions of these stocks, was steady. Boston, Hartford and Eric advanced to 9%, but closed at a reaction to 8%. Michigan Central declined to 107%—a further illustration of the anticipated competitive rivalry of the Canada

HIGHEST AND LOWEST PRICES.

The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of the principal stocks during the day :-

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Wednesday, Jan. 8-10:15 A. M. \$10000 US 5-20, e, '65, n. 1133 1000 do 1133 10000 US 5-20, c, '67.... 1145 A. M .- Before Call.

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12:30 P. M .- Before Call. 100 Harlem KR 400 do...... 600 L S & M S RR. 700 Un Pac RR. 200 do. 300 C & R I RR.

100 shs Pac M SS Co.s3 500 do..... 10000 C, C & C I 1st.... 89 2700 9000 C, C & I C 2d m... 73 100

CLOSING PRICES-4 O'CLOCK P. M.

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Cotton Easy-Receipts at the Ports 22,946 Bales-Flour Firm-Wheat Easier-Corn Duli and Unchanged-Sugar Duli-Coffee in Demand and Firm-

Pork Nominal—Lard Firm—Petroleum
Dull—Spirits Easier—Rosin Firm—
Whiskey Higher.

Wednesday, Jan. 8—6 P. M.
Commercial matters have undergone no noteworthy change, the general merchandise markets worthy change, the general merchandise markets being for the most part characterized by quietude and firmness. Though the markets are so quiet now, there is a general belief in a more animated state of affairs at an early day. Hence there is no manifest disposition to induce greater activity by reducing prices; so that, though there is not much doing, firmness and browners are among the chief characteristics. and buoyancy are among the chief characteristics

of Americantile circles. Business was light to-day. few exceptions to the general rule of dulness. Change four was quiet, but firm. Wheat was quiet and nominal in the absence of sales to any extent. Corn was also dull and a shade easier. Oats were steady under a fair demand. Whiskey firm, but rather quiet. Lard remained quiet, but firm. Cotton was in fair demand, but somewhat easier. Groceries were quiet, with the exception of coffee, which was in good demand and firm. Po-troleum remained duit and nominal. Spirits of turpen-tine was easier, while rosin was firm.

was transacted at steady prices for the early and 1-16c. a ½c. per lb. higher for the later mont sales sum up as tollows:—

centrifugal and mixed....

closed firm at 8c.; sales 750 tierces at that price, including 150 tierces of oil and 250 tierces for all the month. For March 84c. was bid and 8 0-tierces for all the month. For March 84c. was bid and 8 0-tieces for all the month. For March 84c. was bid and 8 0-tieces at 75c.

Rick.—There has been a fair business consummated today in both foreign and domestic at essentially unaltered prices. Sales 80 tierces of Carolina at 74c. a 83c. and 250 bags of Bangoon at 65c. a 4c.

Stoan.—The market for raw remains very quiet and prices were more or iess nominal for all descriptions. We heard of sales of 139 boxes of Cuba at 9c. and 736 bbls, of good refining, seld some time since but not previously reported, at 9-5-fc. Refined was quiet but steady at 105c. a 113c. for standard A's and 125c. a 125c for hards. We quote:—tuba—Refining, inferior to common, 8c. a 85c.; lair to good fair, 9c. a 95c.; good to prime, 95c. a 95c.; grocery, fair to good, 95c. a 95c.; prime to choice, 95c. a 95c.; good to prime, 95c. a 95c.; moiasses, lahds, and boxes, 75c. a 8c.; melado, 8c. a 65c.; moiasses, lahds, and boxes, 75c. a 8c.; melado, 8c. a 65c.; do, 10 to 12, 95c. a 95c.; do,, 15 to 15, 10c. a 105c.; do, 16 to 18, 105c. a 105c.; do, 16 to 18, 105c.; a 105c.; d

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Receipts, 4,030 bales. Exports—To the Continent, 1,634 Sales, 3.00. Stock, 76,380. New Orizzars, Jan. 8, 1872. Cotton easier; good ordinary, 174c. a 175c; low middings, 185c, a 185c; a 185c; middings, 195c a 185c; low middings, 195c a 185c; low middings, 195c; good ordinary, 18c; low middings, 1,000; last evening, 5,000; stock, 103,620. MOBILE, Jan. 8, 1873. Cotton weak; good ordinary, 18c; low middlings, 185c; middlings, 195c. a 185c, control ordinary, 18c; low middlings, 185c; middlings, 195c. Net receipts, 2,435 bales. Exports—Consisting, 336. Sales, 330. Stock, 40,032. Cotton quiet; ordinary, 175c; good ordinary, 185c; middlings, 195c. Net receipts, 2,656 bales. Exports—To Great Britain, 1,564; constwise, 2,459. Sales, 1,895. Stock, 51,574.

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Cotton dull and easy; middlings, 19/50, a 19/50. Net receipts, 2024 bales. Exports—To Great Sritain, 700; to the Continent, 4,501; coastwise, 1,592. Sales, 600. Stock 53,29.

Continent, 4,501; coastwise, 1,592. Sales, 600. Stock, 63,228.

Spirits turpentine quiet at 50c. Rosin quiet, at 33 05 for strained. Crude turpentine steady, at 33 for hard, \$4 75 for yellow dip and virgin. Tar quiet at \$2 30.

Swedo, N. V., Jan. 8, 1873.

Oswedo, N. V., Jan. 8, 1873.

Spirits turpentine steady, at \$3 for hard, \$4 75 for yellow dip and virgin. Tar quiet at \$2 30.

Swedo, N. V., Jan. 8, 1873.

Spirits turpentine steady, at \$3 for hard, \$4 75 for yellow dip and virgin. Tar quiet at \$5 50 for No. 1 Spiring, \$9 50 for amber Winter, \$10 25 for white Winter, \$10 75 for double extra. Wheat firm but quiet, No. 1 Milwad, \$10 for boiled, \$126 for mboiled, per cwt. Milked unchanged; shorts, \$21; shipstung, \$22; middlings, \$22; per ton. Kailroad reights.—Flour to Philadelphia, 70c.; to Seston, 79c., 10 New York, 62c., to Albany, \$4c.

SALT AT TURK'S ISLANDS.

FINANCIAL.

No. 5 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, Jan. 8, 1873.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO, the CENTRAL AND WESTERN PACIFIC BONDS, all of which have been perotiated by us. we believe to be among the best and tome in their place Five Par Cent Bonds.

The CHESAPRAKE AND OHIO SIX PER CENT GOLD BONDS, the total amount of which is only \$15,000,000, are scured upon a property worth \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000, Pacific Bonds. They are issued in denominations of \$100,

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC SIX PER CENT GOLD BONDS are too well known to require description or commendation. Their total amount is \$25,885,000. They

THE WESTERN PACIFIC SIX PER CENT GOLD stantially the same in character and value.

We buy and sell, as usual, Government Bonds, receiv leposits, on which we allow interest, make collections, FISK & HATCH.

A. -MONEY TO LOAN IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
As and Queens county, L. I.; also for the purchase of
City First and Second Mortgages.
NAWARD & LEAVITT, 54 Wall street.

A. -PARTIES HAVING SECOND MORTGAGES ON New York improved property can find prompt purchasers at reasonable rates at the office of CALLENDER & LAURENCE, 30 Pine street. A LARGE TRUST FUND TO LOAN OR TO BUY Mortgages on New York or Brooklyn Property. Address EXECUTOR, box 4,452 New York Post office.

DEPOSIT TO-DAY IN THE SAVINGS BANK chartered by the United States.
SEND FOR CIRCULAR. 185 BLEECKER STREET.
ASSETS OVER \$4,000,000.

FOR SALE-TO CLOSE AN ESTATE, THE ORIEN It al Silver Mine, located at Wet River, Sierra county, Cal., about 150 miles from San Francheco; communication by rail nearly the entire distance; it is well developed, the main shaft being sunk 40 feet, on veln which averages rive feet thickness; the ore assays about \$35 per ton and promises well; a good steam holsting works erected; also meight-stamp mill, 650 pounds each; boarding house, office, blacksmith shop, &c., all ready for running; about \$15,000 builton has been taken from the mine. Address AGENT ORLENTAL MINE, for ten days, or personally after 7 evening, No. 7 East Forty-seventh street, New York, or at Z. W. Butcher's office, 51 Nassau street.

FOR SALE—A FIRST CLASS FIRST MORTGAGE OF \$3,500, on Brooklyn, worth \$6,000. TURNBRIDGE, 10 to 12 A. M., 202 Broadway, room 7. HOWES & MACY, BANKERS, 30 WALL STREET, NEW York, offer the same inclidies to depositors as incorporated banks, and allow interest on daily balances at the rate of four per cent. Collections made on any point at current rates, with immediate returns. Special attention paid to choice Stocks. Bonds, &c., for investors.

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Stock and Gold Brokers, 11 Broad street. Stock Privileges
a specialty. Pull particulars given at our office, Explanatory circulars mailed on application.

Established 1787.

Office 64 Wall street.

New York, Jan. 6, 1873.

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, the usual Semi-Annual Dividend of Five per Cent, also an Extra Dividend of Five per Cent, was declared payable on and atter January 15, 1873, free of all tax. The transfer books will be closed from this date until 15th inst.

JOSEPH L. TOWNSEND.

Secretary.

ck Privileges a specialty. Eric Railway and Pacific Mail double Privileges for sale. Special quotations fur-

nished immediately on application. Explanatory circu-

APSLEY & BAZLEY. 47 EXCHANGE PLACE.—
10A.M. to 4 P. M. No charge for circulars, quotations or information. Do not hesitate to call for particulars.

MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION.
644 AND 646 BROADWAY. CORNER BLEEGERST 37.)
New YORK, DEC. 26, 1872. Forty-fourth Semi-annual Dividend.

The trustees of this institution have declared the forty-fourth semi-annual dividend, at the rais of six per cent per asnum, on all sums that have remained on deposit for three or six months provious to January, I. 1873, payable on and after the third Monday in January.

All dividends not withdrawn will receive interest the same as a deposit.

EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer.
C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

C. F. ALYORD, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUNo. 233 Bowery, near Houston street.

INTEREST.

A semi-annual dividend of six per cent per annum will be credited January I on all sum-entitled thereto for the six months and three months ending December 31. Payable on sud after January 22. 1873.

Interest not withdrawn will be credited as a deposit.
Money deposited on or before January 20 will draw interest from January 10. 05 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A. M. to CONKLIN, President.

HENRY C. FIRHER, Secretary. NEW YORK STATE SIXES-FIFTEEN YEARS TO From: principal and interest in gold. For sale by GWYNNE & DAY, 16 Wall street.

NEW YORK, DEC. 25, 1872.

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To the New York Herald.—The interest mainring January I, 1873, on the Coupon Bonds of the Noriok am Petersburg, Southside, Caupon Bonds of the Noriok and Virginia and Tonnessee Mail roads, payable at New York, will be paid dose the State of Virginia tax) at the Banking House of Messrs. Duncan Sherman & Co., New York.

JAMES E. CUTHBERT, Treasurer.

OFFICE EMPIRE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COM-pany, New York, Jan. 5, 1873.
FORTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this company have this day declared a dividend of five per cent payable on demand.

LINDLEY MURBAY, Jr., Secretary,

ORIENTAL SAVINGS BANK.

430 Grand sirect.
Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum is this day due on all sums of \$5, or more, which have been on deposit one or more months since July 1. Amounts of interest will be ready for payment any time after the 21st inst., and if not withdrawa will be credited to individual accounts, the same as deposits of this date.

JANUARY 1, 1873.

E. R. KENNEDY, Secretary. OFFICE OF THE MANUFACTURERS AND BUILD.

rs' Fire Insurance Company, No- 207 Broadway, corner Pulton street, New York, Jan. 8, 1873.-At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, the usual semi-annual dividend of five (9) per cent was declared, payable on and after the 19th inst.

J. JAY NESTELIA Secretary. PINANCIAL.

RIENTAL SAVINGS BANK,
430 Grand street.
Deposits before January 21 receive interest from January

THIRD AVENUE SAVINGS BANK.—DIVIDEND, 6 per cent per annum, payable January 20. Deposits to the 20th of January bear interest from the lst. JOHN H. LVON, President. DAVID MORGAN, Secretary.

\$4.000 TO \$10,000 TO LOAN, WITHOUT orty, or Brooklyn, man City Hall. Second Mortgages wanted. GEORGE B. WALLTON, 21 Park row.

\$10.000. A SPECIAL PARTNER WITH THIS Jersey; guaranteed by bond and mortgage on twice the amount; opportunity unsurpassed for an investment. B. F. WOOLSTON, Camden, N. J.

\$300,000 TO LOAN-ON NEW YORK, BROOK-lyn and Westchester Roal Estate; sums to suit: no bonus required; term of years. C. E. WIL-LIS, Montauk Insurance Company, 163 Broadway. \$750.000 TO LOAN-ON IMPROVED PROP. Sey and Westabester county. Principals only need apply, with papers. E. M. MASON, No. 1 Chambers street.

THE MODOC WAR.

REPORT FROM THE SEAT OF HOSTILITIES.

BOSTON AND NEW YORK, Jan. 1, 1873.

Nineteen White Persons Have Been Killed by the Indians-Danger of Other Tribes Joining the Hostile Redskins-General Schofield to Take the Initiative—The Last Attack on a Wagon Escort.

(From the Sacramento (Cal.) Union, Dec. 30.1

P. A. Dorris arrived here yesterday from Yreka, accredited by resolutions of a meeting of the citi-zens of that place to confer with Governor Booth

upon a plan for the better prosecution of the war with the Modoc Indians. His statement gives us to understand that the trouble with these Indiana was precipitated by the order to force them to go upon the reservation this Winter, and might probably have been avoided by a more prudent region. He speaks well of the Modocs, though he thinks, as matters stand now, they will have to be chastised, if not to enforce obedience to the order at least to compel them to surrender those who have massacred citizens and shot soldiers. He places the extreme number of Modoc warriors at Binety and of those now in arms and intrenched at the Lava Bed challenging a nght at not more than forty-five. He says they have all along been rather exemplary in their conduct, and what might be their retreat and bring the war to a satisfactory conclusion. He does not desire an inhuman war, but he thinks there must be some chastisement before there can be peace or security for the setters; and this he believes the troops there are not able to accomplish. In a fight where they outnumbered the Modocs the latter got the best of it, and afterwards, dushed by their victory, they massacred a number of citizens and frightened others from taeir homes. For these reasons he is directed to call on the Governor for counsel and aid in wnatever way it can best be afforded.

Soldiers Mutilated-Another Dies on Reaching Camp-Efforts to Draw Out

Special despatch to the San Francisco Chronicle.1 YREKA, Cal., Dec. 30, 1872. From different parties just arrived we learn that the Indians attacking the wagon escort on the 21st evidently shot from a bank fifteen seet higher than

the road, and in attempting to shoot the driver sent a bullet through the wheel mule on the off side. The driver whipped up his team and reached Bernard's Camp before the mule felt. Four horses, on which the escorts were rising, were also shot. One of the soldiers shot reached camp and died soon after. The body of the other was mutilated by being scalped, one ear cut off, and the other partially, as though the Indians had not finished their work on account of their retreat from Bernard's. Squads of about ten soldiers are sent toward the Indians' camp every day, in the hope of drawing them out, to be followed up until the Indians become so bold as to get out far enough to enable a force to cut them off. More troops have been stationed at Forth Klamath, and the bombshells and howitzers from Fort Vancouver are probably in the Indian locality by this time.

A man named Robert Boland came along through the Indian section just after the killing of the soldiers, having come from Virginia City, Nev., via Honey Lake and Big Valley. He saw Indians driving cattle, and had no idea the Indian warriors in Captain Jack's camp at present. the road, and in attempting to shoot the driver

THE OSWEGO CONFLAGRATION.

Burning of the Munroe and Judson Blocks-About \$135,000 Worth of Property Consumed-The Losers and Insur-

of the lower bridge, were destroyed by fire early this morning. The total loss is about \$135,000, on which there is an insurance of \$90,000. The loss on

Commissioner Van Nort yesterday sent to the Collector of Assessments the tax list for the widening of Broadway, above Twenty-fourth street, confirmed July 5, 1872, and amounting to \$2,564,183.